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UNIFORMLY SIZED AND SHAPED SPHERES

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 22, 2003

Sir:

The Applicants hereby submit this supplemental response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003. In the Action dated January 22, 2003, the Examiner indicated that the claim amendments and the new claims proposed in the Applicants' response filed on December 11, 2002 did not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b). More particularly, the proposed amended claims did not indicate amendments in comparison to the issued claims of the patent for which this reissue application has been filed.

The Applicants respectfully submit herewith for entry in the above-identified reissue application the proposed amended claims and the new claims as identified in the

response dated December 11, 2002 and in the preliminary amendment dated April 6, 2001. The proposed amended and new claims include the correct bracketing and underlining as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b). The Applicants respectfully request that the claims as provided below be considered in conjunction with the Applicants' response filed December 11, 2002 in reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002.

Appendix A attached herewith includes a clean version of claims 1-36 as currently pending in this reissue application.